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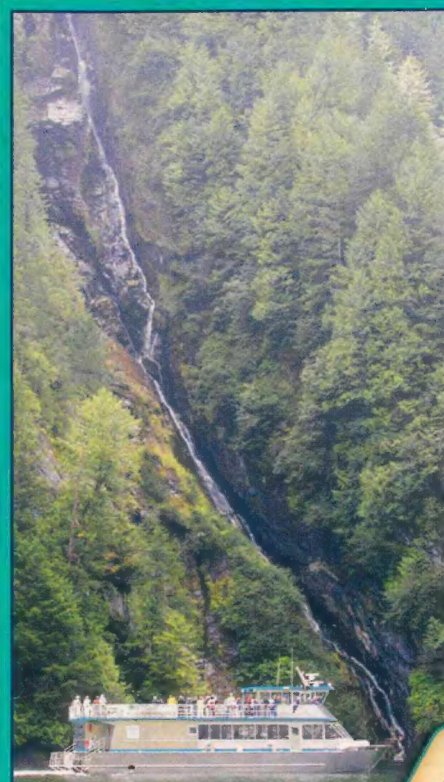
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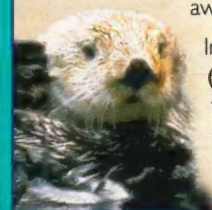
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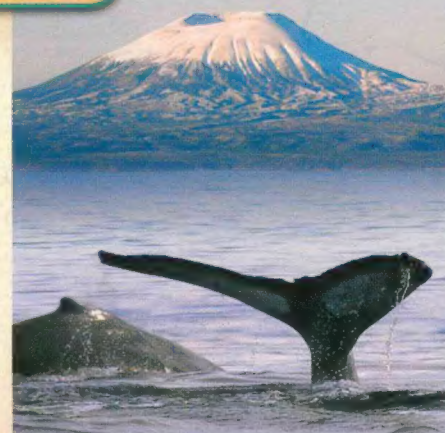
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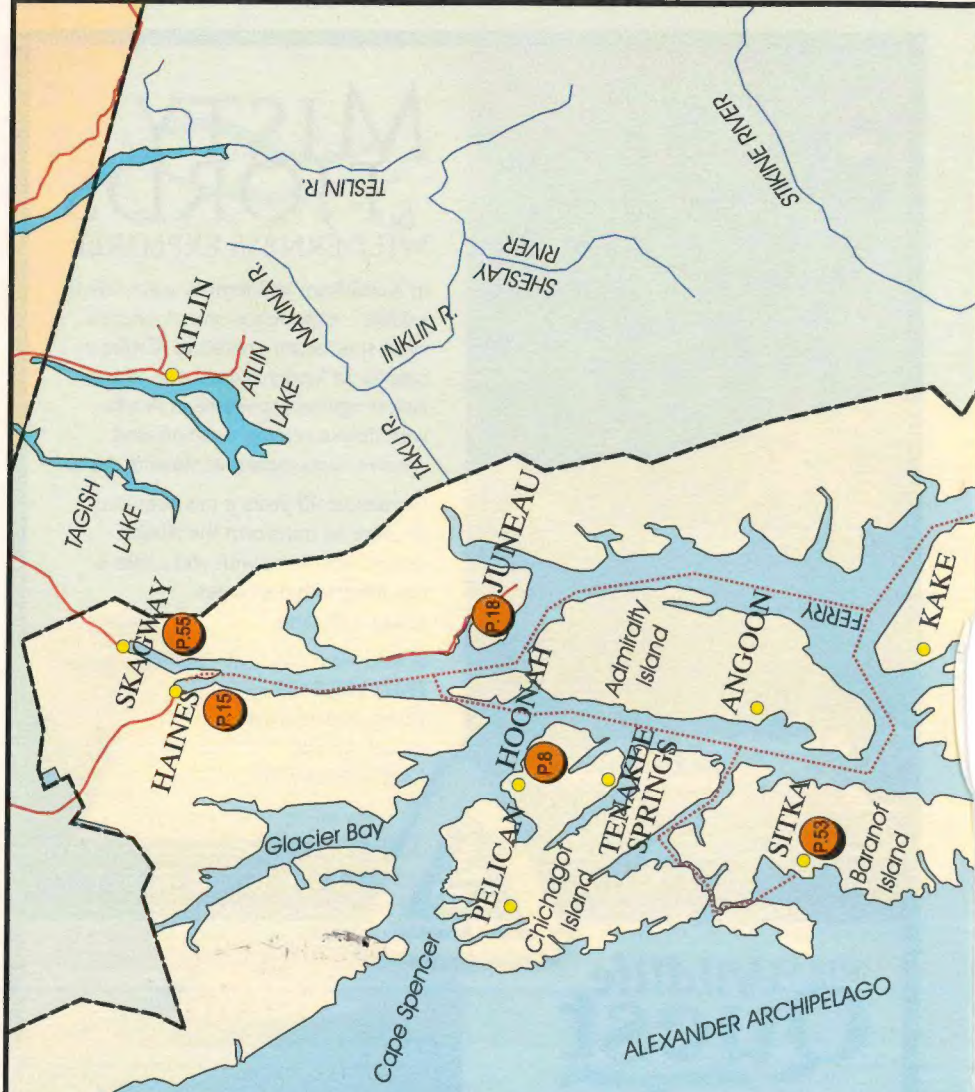
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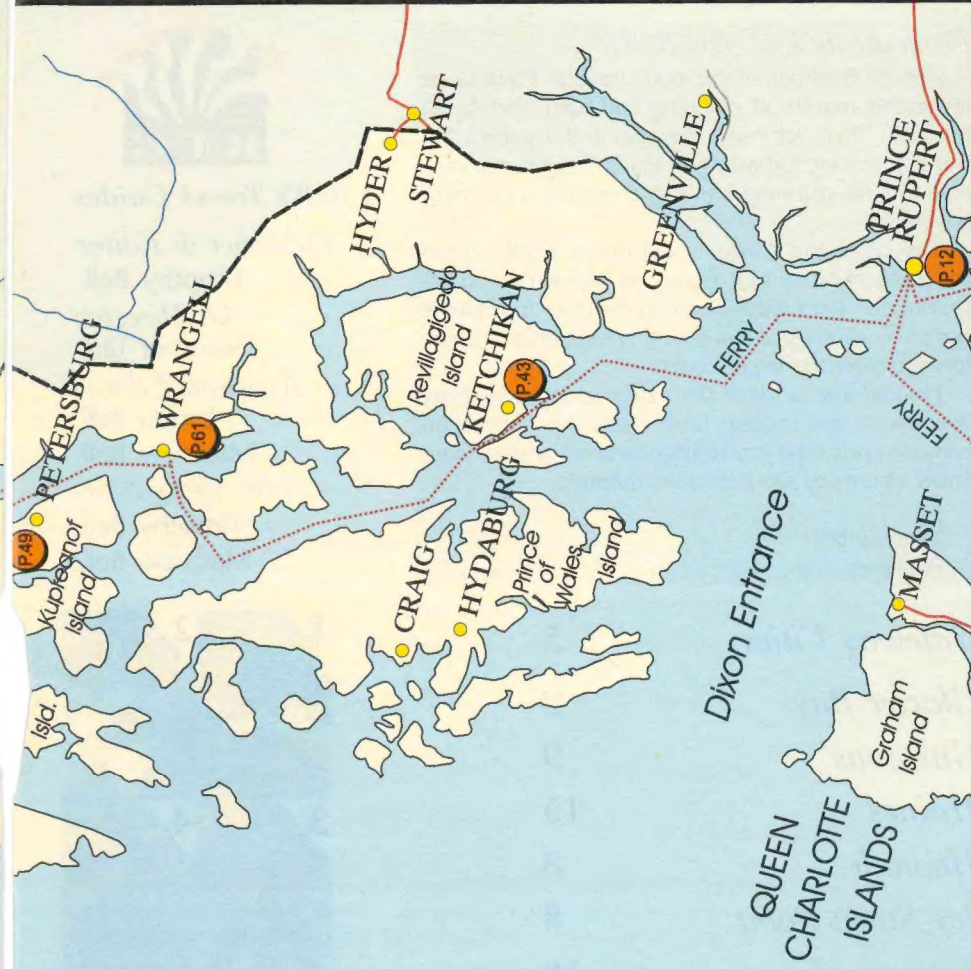
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The cities and towns of Southeast Alaska are in alphabetical order so it is easy to find what you are looking for. I am always looking for ways to improve our publications so if you have any suggestions please forward them to me personally.

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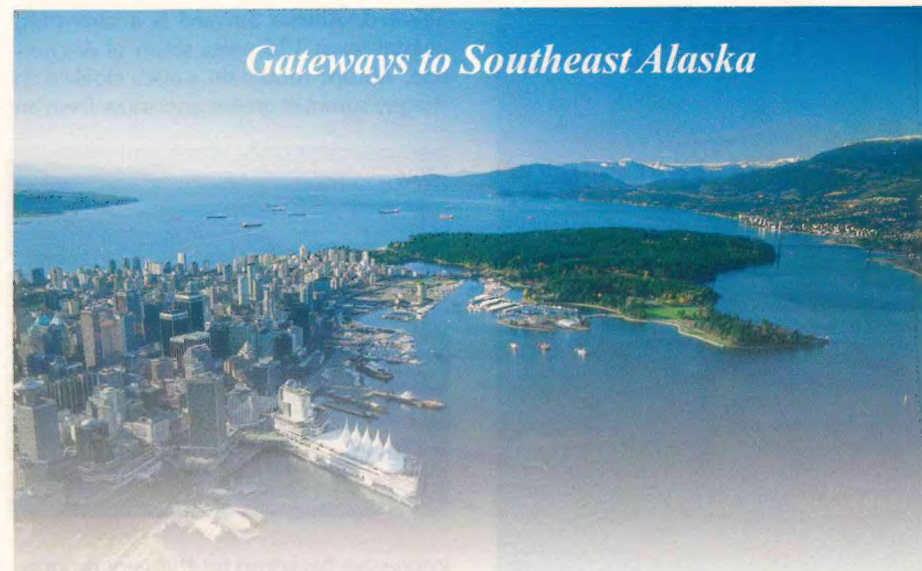
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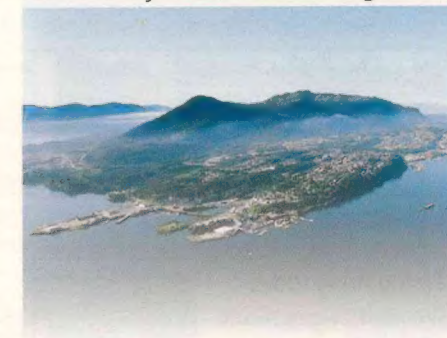
Bellingham, Washington is 90 miles north of Seattle and is a beautiful seacoast city that has an incredible array of things to do. It is the southern terminus of Alaska's Ma-

age annual precipitation of 241 centimeters. Today the city is at the beginning of an exciting new era as a cruise ship destination. The city is located at the edge of the



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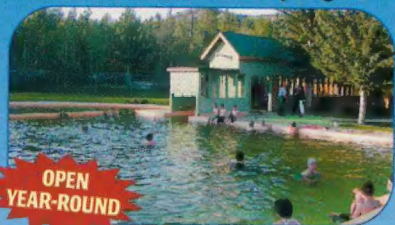
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Seattle, Washington is located on Puget Sound. With Mount Rainier as the backdrop, Seattle is nothing less than spectacular. Sports, music, galleries, museums, The Space Needle, Pike Place Market, the zoo and the amazing Pacific Science Center. www.InfoAlaska.net

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Seward, Alaska Seward is a charming coastal town 126 miles south of Anchorage. Abrupt mountain slopes cloaked in shaggy summer greens and snow form an



impressive backdrop for this very progressive city of 4,000 friendly people.

Each year Seward hosts the famous 4th of July Mt. Marathon Race - the oldest mountain race in North America. Explore Chugach State Park, Glaciers, the SeaLife Center, Kenai Fjords National Park then board an Alaska ferry to visit Southeast Alaska.

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Vancouver, British Columbia 136 miles north of Seattle is the crown jewel of Western Canada. It is here that most of the cruise ships that go to Alaska embark. Vancouver is vibrant with flower-filled parks, a yacht-crowded waterfront and stunning architecture set against snow-capped peaks. Visit museums, galleries, theaters, parks, and ski areas, including Whistler, the site of the 2010 Olympics. www.BCYukonInfo.com

Whitehorse, Yukon is 109 miles from Skagway the Northern most port on the Inside Passage. Over three-quarters of the Yukon's residents live in Whitehorse which has a population of approximately 24,000. Tour the Beringia and Transportation Museums, the Klondike Sternwheeler, golf at midnight or swim at Takhini Hot Springs. Whatever you choose you will be well rewarded. Visitor Information Center is located on Hanson St. between 1st and 2nd Avenue. 867-667-3084 www.BCYukonInfo.com

Southeast Alaska

Southeast Alaska, at the same latitude as Scotland and Denmark, is only 600 miles from Seattle. Its land area, approximately that of Maine, is made up of several large islands, literally thousands of smaller ones, and a thin strip of rugged mainland bordering Canada.

The ferries of the Alaska Marine Highway are the principal intercity transportation.

Most of Alaska's pulp and lumber comes from the massive spruce and hemlock forests covering the islands. The Panhandles population of 60,000, with the exception of Juneau's, is engaged primarily in fishing, lumbering and tourism.

The mild climate of the area seldom experiences temperatures below 10 degrees above zero in the winter. In summer, the 60's and 70's are normal. Annual rainfall varies from 25 to 155 inches or more.

The main towns and cities of Southeast Alaska are:

Ketchikan, a diverse community of over 7400 people. It has the largest collection of totem poles in the world.

Wrangell's population is about 2000. The primary industries are crab, shrimp and fish processing. Tourism is playing an increasing role.

Petersburg has about 3300 people living in one of the most beautiful places in the world. Fishing and shellfish processing are the mainstays of the economy.

Sitka with a population of 8900 is a major visitor destination. It has great services and lots to see and do.

Juneau has a population of 31,000 and is the capital of Alaska. Founded by Gold miners, Juneau-Douglas has a rich history to share.

Haines, with a population of 1700 is a highway terminus of the Marine Highway System. Here you can connect by road to the Alaska Highway and the Yukon.

Skagway has 862 hardy souls who call this home year-round but during the summer the population swells to several thousand.

Villages and towns dot the coastline and

islands of the Southeast Alaska wilderness. Here, groceries are ordered months in advance and much of what ends up on the table is hunted, grown, or caught. Life is simpler and it comes with all of the benefits of a wilderness life-style.

Angoon: (pop. 572) The only permanent settlement on Admiralty Island, 60 miles southwest of Juneau, Angoon is a Kootznouwo Tlingit stronghold, the "fortress of the bears."

Cube Cove: (pop. 72) On the northwest coast of Admiralty Island, 20 miles south of Juneau, Cube Cove is a logging camp, formerly known as Eight Fathom Bight.

Elfin Cove: (pop. 32) lies on the northern shore of Chichagof Island, 70 miles west of Juneau and 33 miles west of Hoonah. It is a fish-buying and supply center. Elfin Cove is across Icy Strait from Glacier Bay.

Excursion Inlet: (pop. 10) 38 miles northwest of Juneau was first settled as a cannery at the mouth of Excursion Inlet in 1943, it is now mostly recreation cabins for locals.

Hoonah: (pop. 860) At the northeast tip of Chichagof Island on Frederick Sound, 40 air miles west of Juneau, Hoonah is home to the Huna Tlingits, Alaska's largest Tlingit village.

Hyder: (pop. 97) is nestled at the head of Portland Canal, a 70 mile-long fjord which forms a portion of the US / Canadian border. Hyder is just 2 miles from Stewart, British Columbia, and 75 air miles from Ketchikan. It is the only community in southern Alaska accessible by road.

Kake: (pop. 710) Kake is located on the northwest coast of Kupreanof Island along Keku Strait, 38 air miles northwest of Petersburg, and 95 air miles southwest of Juneau.

Metlakatla: (pop. 1375) is located at Port Chester on the west coast of Annette Island, 15 miles south of Ketchikan.

The Duncan House Museum was built in 1891 for Anglican missionary William Duncan. It contains personal items, original furnishings and historic photographs.

Metlakatla means "saltwater channel passage," and was founded by a group of Canadian Tsimshians who migrated from

Prince Rupert, British Columbia in 1887 seeking religious freedom.

Meyers Chuck: (pop. 21) Home of Lonesome Pete, Greasy Gus and other "local characters," the community sported a clam cannery, saltery and several stores in the 1920s, now a seasonal fishing spot.

Pelican: (pop. 163) is on the northwest coast of Chichagof Island on Lisianski Inlet. It lies 80 miles north of Sitka and 70 miles west of Juneau. Pelican is famous for its July 4th festivities. The town's boardwalk is a tourist attraction in its self.

Port Alexander: (pop. 81) More than 1,000 vessels anchored in this protected harbor during the 1920s and 1930s, now a seasonal fishing base, 65 miles south of Sitka on Baranof Island.

Tenakee Springs: (pop. 104) is located on the east side of Chichagof Island, on the north shore of Tenakee Inlet. It is a retreat with a dirt path wide enough to accommodate the town's fire truck, bikes and four wheelers. No cars are allowed. Tenakee's mineral hot springs have been a draw for boaters and sightseers since the late 1800's.

Whitestone Logging Camp: (pop. 116) South of Hoonah on Chichagof Island, Whitestone is a working logging camp for Sealaska, a Native-owned corporation.

Yakutat: (pop. 956) On the gulf of Alaska coast, 225 miles northwest of Juneau, Yakutat offers stunning scenery as well as world-class sport fishing. The Hubbard and Malaspina glaciers; Mount Fairweather; 18,000-foot Mount Saint Elias; and the Alek-Tatshenshini Wilderness Preserve are nearby.

Alaska Marine Highway is a state operated transportation system with eight traditional and two fast passenger/vehicle ferries. It provides residents and visitors with an opportunity to experience the scenery, wildlife, and warm hospitality of 33 ports between Bellingham, Washington and Unalaska/Dutch Harbor on the Aleutian Chain. It is a unique ferry system, providing passenger and vehicle transportation over a 3500-mile coastline in a setting that is unparalleled in scenic splendor. 6858 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK 1-800-642-0066, 907-465-3941

Hoonah

Hoonah means "the place where the north wind doesn't blow." It is the principal village for the Huna, a Tlingit tribe who have occupied the area for centuries, and the largest Tlingit village in southeast Alaska.

The Glacier Bay Huna people were driven from their homes by glacial advances between 1400 AD and 1750 AD. They eventually moved to an ice-free natural harbor on the northeast corner of Chichagof Island.

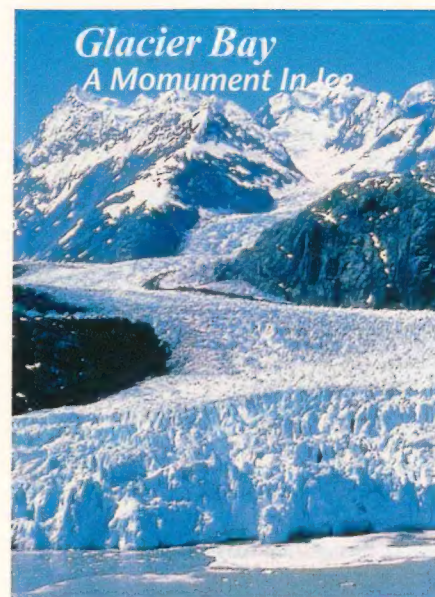
The Northwest Trading Company built a store in Hoonah in 1880 and that was soon followed by the Presbyterian Home Mission and school. In 1912, Hoonah Packing Company built a cannery a mile or so north of town. They operated from 1912-1923. In 1917, during 26 consecutive days, they canned 152,505 cases. That was second only to the largest salmon cannery in the world in Bellingham, Washington.

The village Native Corporation, through its Huna Heritage Foundation, works to perpetuate Huna culture and promote education. The motto is Woosh-Jee-Een, Working Together.

Icy Strait Point

Icy Strait Point opened to cruise ships in 2004 and is the newest destination port in Alaska. Originally built in 1912 as a salmon cannery, it was recently restored and modified to include a fishing history museum and a small exclusive shopping arcade featuring only Alaska merchants. Smooth walking trails along the beach and through the old forest have been added along with a Tlingit native cultural center which includes a theater building featuring Tlingit dancing, story telling, museum, and a "Journey Through Time" trail tour with manned exhibits depicting the Huna Tlingit history from the most recent Ice Age to modern time.

Icy Strait Point is the only port in Alaska that is primarily manned by Alaska native people. Its remote wilderness seaside setting makes it unique in Alaska.



In 1794 explorer Captain George Vancouver sailed into Icy Strait. He found it choked with ice, and what was to become Glacier Bay was barely noticeable. That ice was more than 4000 ft. thick, up to 20 miles or more wide, and extended more than 100 miles to the St. Elias Range of mountains. In 1879 John Muir found that the ice had retreated 48 miles up the bay and by 1916 the Grand Pacific Glacier had retreated 65 miles from Glacier Bay's mouth. This rapid retreat is only found here in Southeast Alaska. Scientists have been studying the phenomena hoping to learn how glacial activity relates to climate change.

Just 50 miles northwest of Juneau (25 minutes by air), Glacier Bay is the largest national park in Southeast Alaska, the world's largest protected marine sanctuary, and a World Heritage Site. At 3.3 million acres, it's larger than the state of Connecticut.

Glacier Bay National Park includes 16 tidewater glaciers, 12 that actively calve icebergs into the bay.

As you enter Glacier Bay, remember you are cruising along shorelines that were completely covered by ice just 200 years ago. The glaciers seen here today are remnants of a general ice advance 'the Little Ice Age'



that began about 4,000 years ago and reached its maximum extent here about 1750.

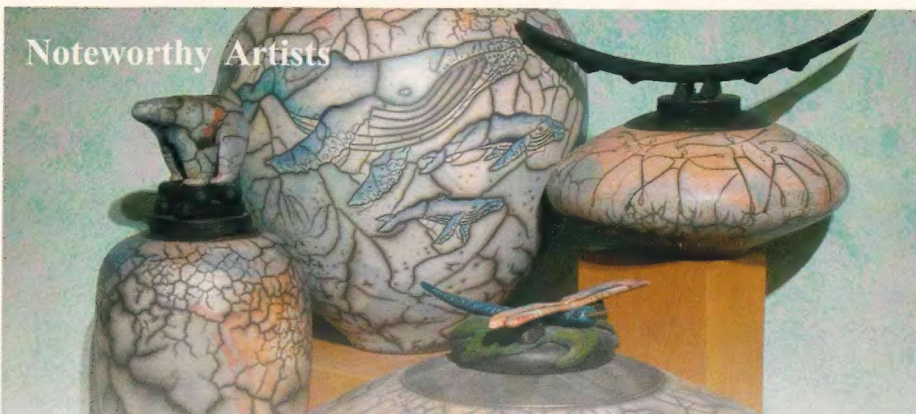
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Gustavus

Gustavus (pop 429) lies on the north shore of Icy Passage at the mouth of the Salmon River, 48 air miles northwest of Juneau. It is at the entrance to Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. Cool summers and mild winters characterize the area's maritime climate. Summer temperatures range from 52 to 63; winter temperatures from 26 to 39.

During the 1920's and 1930's, a year-round community had evolved around the prosperous fishing fleet that made Gustavus home. Houses, stores, restaurants, a post office and a school were constructed. In 1938, fish stocks declined dramatically and processing became uneconomical. In the 1930's, State land disposal sales and upswings in salmon stocks enabled new families to build and settle in the community. A city was incorporated in 1974 and then seceded from the City and Borough of Sitka.

Noteworthy Artists



Erick Bealer's wood engravings.

Eric Bealer

Wood engraving is an old, laborious art form. Using small hand-engraving tools to cut away a design for printing on a block of wood, Bealer then rolls ink on the block surface and puts it through a hand-operated press. Eric is mainly a self-taught artist who with his wife now lives outside the small fishing village of Pelican on Chichagof Island. His work is inspired by the remote rain forest areas near his home.

Featured at Annie Kail's, Juneau.

Terry Pyles

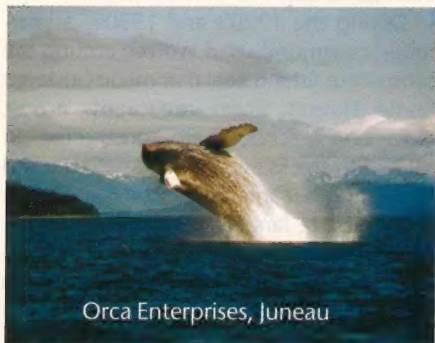
North American wildlife painter Terry Pyles is a Ketchikan Renaissance artist who also works with wood, Fiberglass, and glass. A registered guide, he portrays the environment with realistic precision, often from unusual perspectives. Commissioned by the Air Force and Ducks Unlimited, Pyles encourages us to "be responsible stewards of our natural heritage."

At Dockside Gallery, Ketchikan.

Captain Larry

Orcas leaping, humpback whales bubble-net feeding—Captain Larry Dupler has photos of all of these activities. A Coast Guard licensed wildlife tour captain aboard the *Awesome Orca*, with more than 30 years experience, Captain Larry is educated in wildlife management and marine biology and has been recognized for his nonprofit work in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation. His love of Whales and their environment is very apparent when you see his photos.

Featured at Orca Enterprises, Juneau.



Orca Enterprises, Juneau



Pyles Machine Shop and Potlatch Bar.

Odin Lonning

(Tlingit name Sh'now Taan) is an award-winning, Native artist from Juneau, Alaska. He is Woosh Ke Taan (Eagle/Shark) Clan through his Tlingit mother, and he shares the name of his Norwegian father. Seeking a deeper understanding of the culture essential to his artwork, Odin learned Tlingit dances and songs. Since 1974, Odin has won multiple awards in art shows throughout the Western US. Media includes: Carved totem poles, boxes, wall panels, masks, paddles, and bowls

Featured at Raven Eagle Gifts Mt Roberts Tram



Odin Lonning

Juneau Artists Gallery

Check out the local color at the Juneau Artists Gallery downtown. Find authentic Alaskan-made arts and crafts for your friends, family and yourself. This unique gallery is the shared endeavor of almost 30 local artists who own and operate the gallery year round. The Juneau Artists' Gallery includes work in bead art, pottery, psyanky eggs, fused art glass, photography, pencil drawings, oil, ceramics, and textiles. Lapidary from local stone, lampwork, watercolors, intaglio etchings, mirrors, designer scarves, and exquisite watercolor quilts. All of the artist live and work in Juneau. Well worth the easy walk to the Senate Mall Building.

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Design by Bill Young

Prince Rupert

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Prince Rupert is the gateway to Southeast Alaska, the Queen Charlotte Islands and Vancouver Island. Its harbor is the third-largest natural ice-free harbor in the world.

The 15,000 inhabitants of this city enjoy a marine climate with summer temperatures in the low 20's Celsius, and in the winter between 0 and 10 Celsius. Situated on Kaien Island at the mouth of the Skeena River, Prince Rupert has an average annual precipitation of 250 centimeters. Today the city is at the beginning of an exciting new era as a cruise ship destination, which is contributing to even better shopping, excursions, and other attractions for visitors.

Prince Rupert is a coastal experience. The city is situated at the edge of wilderness, secure in a sheltered inner harbor and protected by a rim of islands looking out on the famed Inside Passage. Wildlife and nature are part of life in this casual and friendly city.

Prince Rupert is located in the heart of Tsimshian territory, and for 10,000 years many villages flourished in the harbor. The Tsimshian practiced complex resource gathering, and cultivated highly sophisticated trade routes.

European explorers first arrived off the northern coast in the 18th century and quickly established a maritime fur trade with

the Tsimshian and the neighboring Nisga'a, Haida and Heiltsuk nations.

Fishing and trading were ancient businesses on the Northwest Coast, and the village of Port Essington sprang up at the Skeena Mouth to capitalize on this. Port Essington was home to several canneries, and a whole fleet of river steamboats that traded into Gitksan territory up the Skeena. Prospectors were carried to a short-lived gold rush, and settlers to the new interior communities such as Terrace and Hazelton. Today the colorful history of this era can be explored at North Pacific Historic Fishing Village in nearby Port Edward. After the railroad focused its attention on Kaien Island, the city developed quickly—the first surveyors arrived in 1906, a "tent city" sprang up almost immediately, and by 1910 the City of Prince Rupert was incorporated. Today Kwinitsa Railway Museum offers visitors an exciting journey into Canada's northern railway past.

Following the war a pulp mill and other major industries were added to Prince Rupert's economy, helping to build the vibrant seaport community and transportation hub of today. The Museum of Northern B.C. is the gateway to explore the history of the Northwest Coast.

Information

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Prince Rupert Visitor InfoCentre is located in the Atlin Terminal, on the waterfront in Cow Bay, and is open year-round. 100-215 Cow Bay Road, 1-800-667-1994.

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Dining

With over 40 restaurants there's no problem finding great places to eat in Prince Rupert. Everything from great pub fare to specialty seafood and ethnic foods.

For after dinner there are a number of coffee shops that not only offer great coffee, lattes or cappuccinos, but will also tempt you with scrumptious desserts. Later on visitors will find pubs, clubs and lounges.

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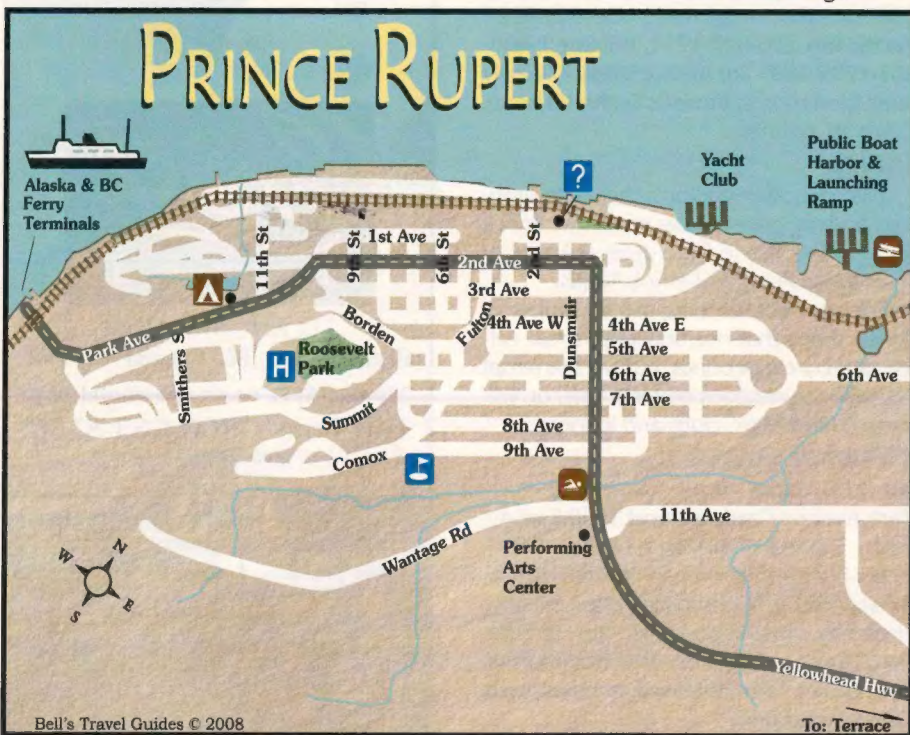
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Museum of Northern British Columbia. Enter and experience the magnificent architecture of a Northwest Coast longhouse. In the Great Hall view exhibits that portray history and culture dating back to the end of the last ice age.

North Pacific Historic Fishing Village is the oldest and most complete remaining cannery village on the North Coast. Today a museum and Canadian National Historic Site, it pays tribute to the people who lived and worked in the more than 200 salmon canneries that once dotted the B.C. coastline. Tours, live performance and great food. **Cow Bay** was originally named Cameron Cove. When the first dairy herd arrived in 1906, no dock had yet been built. Legend has it that the cows had to jump into the water and swim ashore, and where they landed became known as "Cow Bay". Today, this is a shopping and dining district with a number of historic buildings.



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Haines

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Early in November 1879, a canoe slipped into the mouth of the Chilkat Inlet carrying S. Hall Young, a Presbyterian missionary, and his naturalist friend, John Muir. Young told the Chilkats of his intention to build a new Christian town between two waterways, the

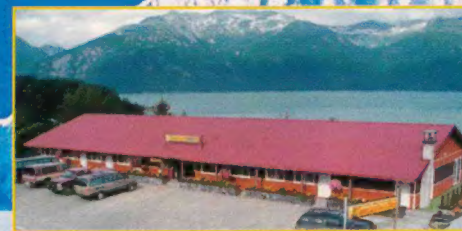
Chilkat River and the Lynn Canal. Two years later, the first permanent missionaries came to Haines and the resulting town was named after Mrs. F.E.H. Haines, who was secretary of the Presbyterian National Women's Missionary Board. She never visited the town

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Information

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Juneau isn't a place for sightseers' alone; excellent gift shops; theatres, musical events and plays can all be found here. Juneau has no shortage of bars and restaurants, including the famous Red Dog Saloon. There are now more churches than bars in Juneau, and three of them must be rated as world class from the visitors standpoint, The Russian Orthodox Church downtown is a house of worship unlike anything most visitors have ever seen. The Chapel by the Lake, on Auke Lake some 12 miles northwest of downtown has a spectacular "living stained glass" window view of the lake, the forests, the mountains and Mendenhall Glacier. And the Shrine of St. Therese, 23 miles from downtown on Glacier Highway, has a unique island setting and a notable history.

Juneau is also famous for Mendenhall

Glacier, a "drive to" glacier that sprawls between mountains for some 12 miles before showing its ice face across Mendenhall Lake. You can view this glacier from the U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center. Several trails provide access to stunning overlooks of Mendenhall and the valley beyond. The two trails on each side provide scenic overlooks.

Juneau is a jumping-off place for trips to other nearby attractions: Famed Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve is but a 30 minute flight, Admiralty Island is within sight of Auke Bay, a number of Forest Service cabins are within an hour's flight in a chartered aircraft, and several nearby Native villages are served by daily air service.

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When all is said and done, however, it is likely to be Juneau's first impression that will be the most lasting—a picture book community nestled along the base of the mountains with winding streets, totem poles, brightly painted store fronts, and more than 31,000 friendly people who wouldn't want to live anywhere else in the world!

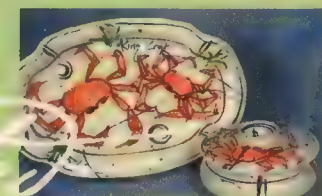
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Forest Service Information Center, Juneau Ranger District 8465 Old Dairy Road, Juneau, AK 99801; 907-586-8751. Pack Creek Bear viewing permits, Auke Rec Picnic Shelter permits, information on FS cabins, campground and trails and information on the Tongass National Forest.

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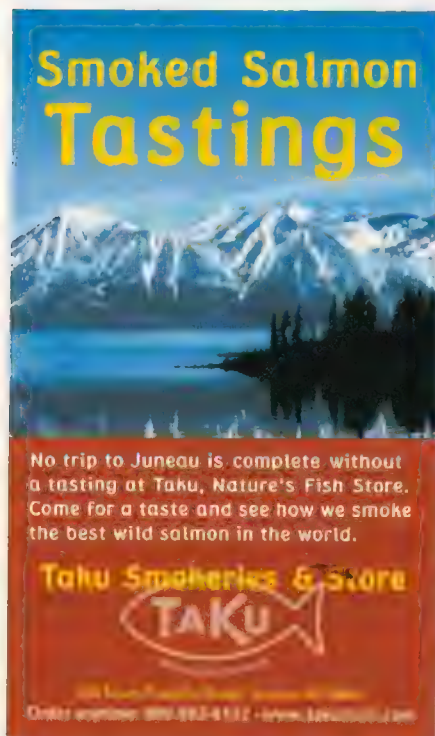
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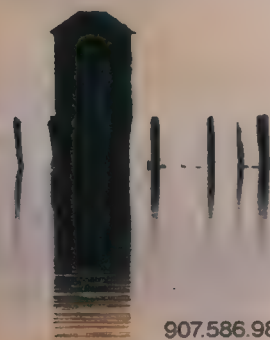
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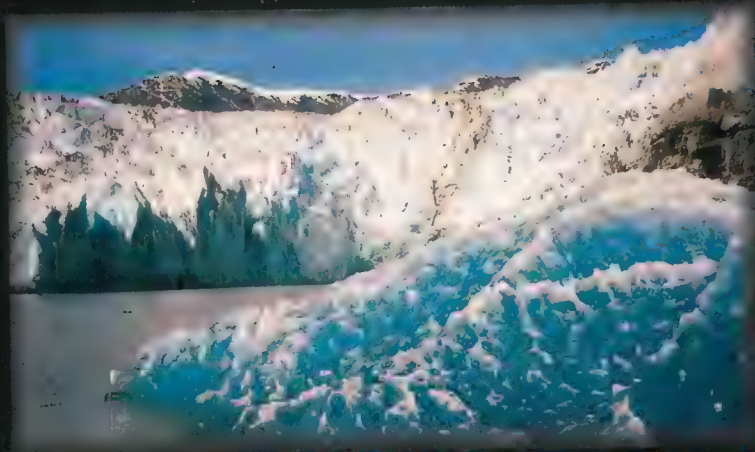
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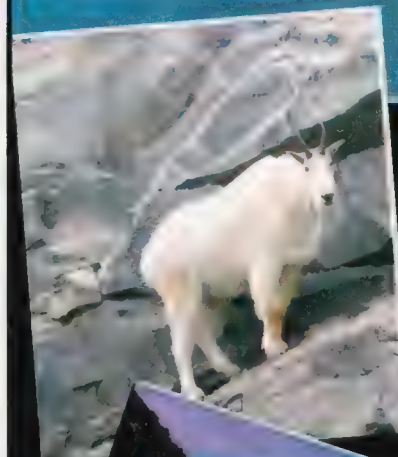
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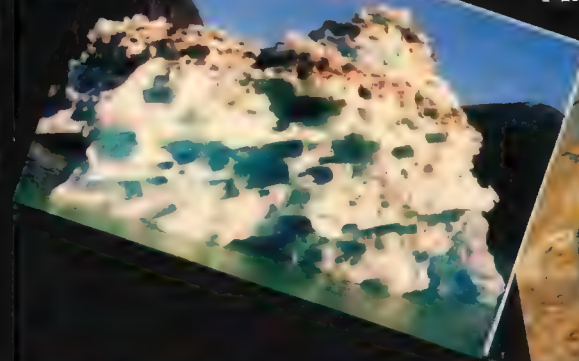
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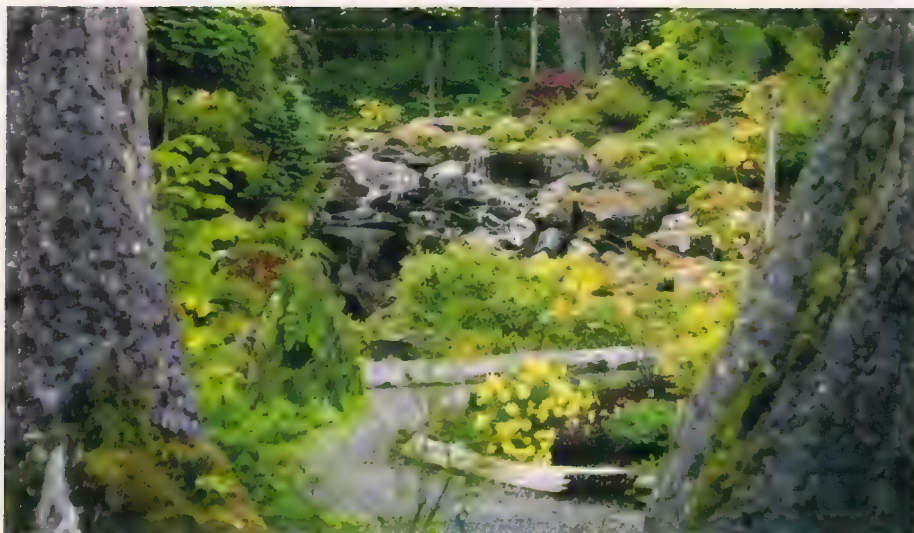
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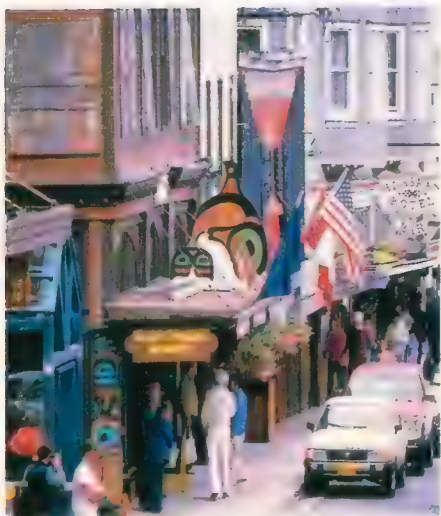


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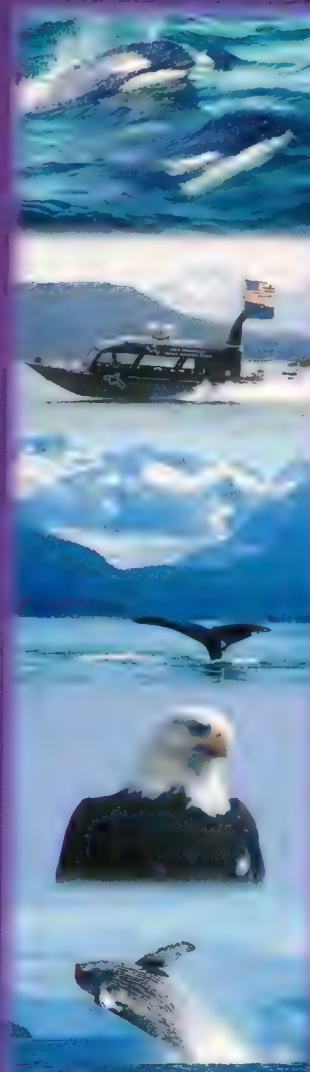
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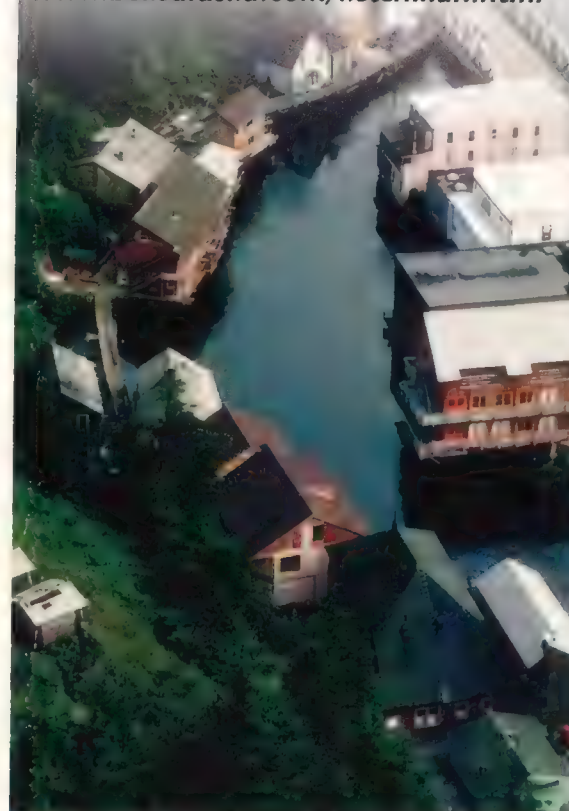
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Ketchikan

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Despite a mining decline, the fishing industry and timber operations began to grow with establishment of the Ketchikan Spruce Mills early in the century.

In 1954, Ketchikan Pulp Mill was completed at nearby Ward Cove, assuring jobs not only in town, but in the surrounding woods as well. Today, that industry is in trouble worldwide but the ever-resilient Alaskans are focusing on another mainstay, tourism. Cruise ships, the Alaska Marine Highway and Alaska Airlines as well as many charter operators bring thousands of visitors to town through the summer months, while across Tongass Narrows, an endless stream of jet aircraft keep Ketchikan very much in touch with the world outside.

Whether you arrive on a jet that swoops in from Seattle, aboard an Alaska Marine Highway ferry, or a cruise ship, you know you're in Alaska when you set foot in Ketchikan. The little town of 8,000 is built right over the water in many places—the steep hillsides making construction extremely expensive. Established originally as a fishing

camp, Ketchikan today bustles with activity. Commercial fishing enterprises, growing tourism and the Misty Fjords National Monument to the east make Ketchikan a great place to visit.

An outstanding collection of totems makes a stop here essential for anyone looking for the 'real Alaska'. "Ketchikan" is Tlingit for "Eagle with spread wings." The area around Ketchikan Creek was owned by the Saan ya Kwaan (Cape Fox People) but was given as a wedding gift to the Taan ta Kwaan (Tongass Tribe) Gaanax adi Clan for a summer fish camp. But don't think eagles are creatures of the past, look carefully along the water line, both north and south of town and you're likely to see one or more bald eagles circling back to their perches.

In 1883, a man named Snow built a salmon saltery where Ketchikan now stands. Two years later, businessmen from Portland, Oregon, hired Mike Martin to investigate possibilities of building a salmon cannery on the banks of Ketchikan Creek. Martin and the cannery's manager, George Clark, formed a partnership and opened a saltery and a general store. Two years later, with the fishing trade flourishing, Ketchikan was definitely in business and by 1900, with a population of 800, the town was officially incorporated.

With mining activities beginning in the area, Ketchikan became an important trading community, with an estimated two-thirds of miners' wages reportedly ending up in the bars and bordellos of Creek Street.



Information

www.InfoAlaska.net

Ketchikan Visitors Bureau 131 Front Street, 907-225-6166 or toll free 1-800-770-3300. The visitor's bureau is downtown on the cruise ship dock.

Post Office on Tongass Avenue near the State Ferry Terminal.

ATM: First Bank, 331 Dock St. & Tongass Ave. Branch 2000 Tongass Ave.

Forest Service Information has opened a new Public Lands Information Center/Museum, called the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center. Information on the South Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska as well as world-class exhibits. Native fish camp scene and exhibits on Southeast Alaska's ecosystems, fishing, mining, timber and tourism. One block from the cruise ship dock. 50 Main St. 907-228-6220.

Emergency only 911: Ketchikan police 225-6631; State Troopers 225-5118; Hospital 225-5171, 3100 Tongass Avenue.

Accommodations

www.AKHotels.net

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Things to Do

www.AlaskaThingsToDo.com

Alaska Cruises offers an outstanding one-day cruise to Misty Fjords National Monument, the 2.2-million-acre treasure is a must see while in the Ketchikan area.

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The Alaska Queen is the newest addition to Alaska Travel Adventures, one of the most respected tour operators in the state. It is the largest steam driven paddle wheeler west of the Mississippi.

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Centennial Museum Library on Dock Street in downtown Ketchikan, has an excellent collection of Indian artifacts, pioneer relics, wildlife, ores and minerals, a gun collection, pioneer household equipment, old photos and books on Alaska. An outstanding place to spend a rainy afternoon.

Creek Street, where you will find Dolly's House, is a collection of ancient frame houses and shops resting on pilings over the water, joined by boardwalks bordering Ketchikan Creek.

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Ketchikan Totem Heritage Center on Ketchikan Creek adjacent to the City between Deermount and Woodland Streets, the center contains some 33 original totem poles or pieces of poles collected from abandoned Tlingit or Haida Indian villages. A craft center provides a workshop for artisans and craftsmen, and classes teach native Alaskans such arts as carving, tool making and basketry. A 15-minute guided tour is available during summer.

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Totem Poles which make up the world's largest collection are clustered in Totem Heritage Center, downtown; in Saxman Totem Park, two miles south of Ketchikan; and in Totem Bight, a State Park 10 miles north of town. Additional totems are scattered throughout the city.

Camping

www.CampingAlaska.net

Clover Pass Resort, 14-miles North Tongass Highway. RV park offers full hookups including cable TV, a laundry, and guest showers. 907-247-2234 or 1-800-410-2234

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Petersburg, midway between Ketchikan and Juneau, is at the northern end of the famed 21-mile-long Wrangell Narrows, a

narrow but amazingly beautiful channel.

The Alaska Marine Highway System and Alaska Airlines connect Petersburg with Seattle and other Alaskan communities daily.

This community, unlike many Alaskan towns, was never a tent-and-log-cabin boomtown. "Peter's Burg" was carefully plotted by its Scandinavian founder Peter Buschmann, who started a salmon cannery and sawmill here in 1897.


Fishing and tourism are the mainstays of this community's approximate 3,300 residents. One of Alaska's largest fishing fleets supplies salmon, halibut, shrimp and crab to the several fish processing and cold storage plants scattered along the waterfront.

Petersburg is a photographers dream as it is one of the prettiest communities on the shores of the Pacific. The spic-and-span tidiness of the city, the ordered beauty of scores of white fishing boats at moorage in the harbor, and the natural beauty of the island-dotted seascape make the city a memorable stopover.



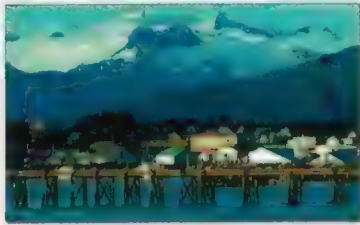


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The town's five-block-long main street parallels the waterfront with its canneries; wharves and fuel docks perched on pilings driven deep into the ocean floor. At the south end of Main Street, Sing Lee Alley winds between several old buildings including the Sons of Norway Hall. Nearby, a plank road skirts the warehouses and homes built along the bank of a tiny saltwater inlet, Hammer Slough.

Petersburg is the gateway to Frederick Sound, a rich summer feeding ground for approximately 500 humpback whales, as well as stellar sea lions, harbor seals, Dall's porpoise, and Orcas (killer whales).

Information

www.InfoAlaska.net

Petersburg Visitor Information Center/ Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, at 1st and Fram Street, 907-772-4636; open Mon. to Sat. 9 to 5, Sunday noon to 4pm. Winter hours 10:00 - 2:00 Mon-Fri.

Emergency only 911: State Troopers 907 772-3100; Petersburg Medical Center 907 772-4291.

Accommodations

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Camping

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LeConte RV Park, 4th St. & Haugen Dr., one mile from the ferry terminal 907-772-4680; There are hookups, showers, and a laundry.

Things to Do

www.AlaskaThingsToDo.com

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Prince of Wales Island is the third largest island in the US, following Hawaii and Kodiak. It is 135 miles long, 45 miles wide. It is a 45-minute ride to Ketchikan by air or a three-hour ferry ride on the M/V Prince of Wales. There's more than 2,600 square miles of land and about 990 miles of coastline with countless bays, coves and inlets to explore. The Island is about the size of the state of Delaware.

In 1775, the first of the European explorers, Don Juan Francisco Bodega y Quadra, from Spain arrived in the area and in 1778 The British explorer, Captain James Cook stopped in on his quest to find the fabled Northwest Passage. They were followed by Captain George Vancouver in 1790 who began documenting the area with journals and detailed charts of the coastline. It wasn't until the early 1900's that commercial development of the island began. One of the very first canneries on the Island was built in Klawock in 1878.

You can hike on the trails found on Prince of Wales Island or check out several caves in the area. There are many charter fishing or hunting guides and you can even go flight seeing, rent boats and kayaks or diving equipment.

Prince of Wales Island is home to a wide

variety of wildlife and waterfowl such as whales, seals, porpoises, bear, deer, wolves, minks and sea otter.

Prince of Wales Island offers some of the best sport fishing in Alaska. The streams feature fly-fishing at its best. A variety of Trout, Steelhead, and five species of Salmon give fisherman the fight of their life.

Most of the roads on the island were initially built to haul the logs to ports for commercial sale, then on to Japan. Thus the timber industry became an integral connection to many smaller island communities. Presently there are about 1500 miles of roads, half of which are maintained. The most traveled roadway is between Craig and Hollis. Roads lead to Hollis, Hydaburg, Thorne Bay, and Naukati.

Alaska Airlines provides service to Ketchikan International Airport where float or wheel plane service is available to Hollis, Klawock or Craig.

The Inter-Island Ferry service is just a three-hour ride from Ketchikan to Hollis. Toll Free: 866-308-4848 or 907-826-4848
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However you choose to get to this Island it will provide unbelievable photo opportunities and memories of an unspoiled wilderness.



Vitus Bering, a Russian explorer was the leader of the expedition that is credited with the discovery of Alaska. There were two vessels in Bering's expedition—the "St. Peter" commanded by Alexei Chirikof and the "St. Paul" commanded by Bering. The two ships were separated by a storm and one month later Chirikof landed "near the entrance of a large sound, surrounded by forested mountains, beneath the towering majesty of a cone-shaped peak." Since there seems little doubt that Chirikof's description was of Sitka, it is accepted as the site of Alaska's discovery by Russia on July 15, 1741.

In 1799, Alexander Baranof built Fort Redoubt St. Archangel Michael six miles north of the present day Sitka (near the ferry terminal). This settlement was destroyed two years later by Tlingit warriors, and in 1804, Baranof returned from Kodiak to re-stake a settlement in the Sitka area. Following the

battle at Indian River, the Russians were able to settle in the site, which is now Sitka.

The first major development however, was that of Gregor Shelikof, the Russian Merchant Prince. Shelikof organized the Russian American Company and founded the headquarters on Kodiak in 1784.

Alaska was transferred to the United States at Sitka on October 18, 1867. Sitka remained the capital until 1912, when the territorial government was moved to Juneau.

Sitka is situated on the west side of Baranof Island. Mt. Edgecumbe, a dormant volcano that looks like Japan's Mr. Fujiyama, dominates the horizon and tiny flowerpot islands dot the harbor.

Information

www.mta.alaska.gov

Sitka Convention & Visitors Bureau 303 Lincoln Street, Suite 4 (2nd floor), 907-747-5940. Visitor Info desk in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive.

Emergency only 911: Sitka Hospital 747-3241, 209 Moller Drive; Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital 966-2411, 222 Tongass Drive.

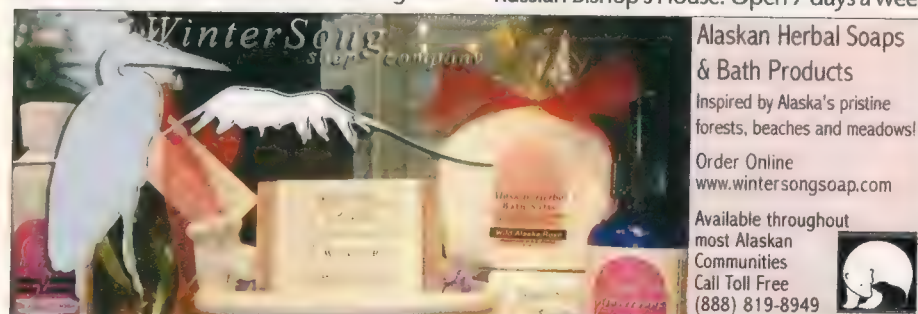
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Things to Do

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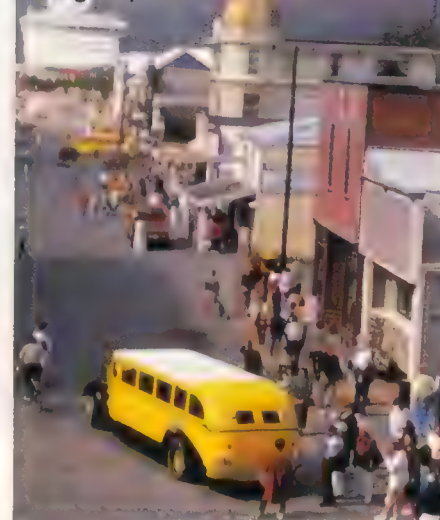
Sitka Historical Museum Learn about the lives and histories of the people of Sitka—the Tlingits, Finns, Russians, and early American settlers of the 19th century. There are informative and attractive displays, a diorama of early Sitka and great photographs. 907-747-6455

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Sitka National Historic Park preserves and interprets the site of a Tlingit Fort and an important battle fought between the Russians and Tlingits in 1804. As a result of this battle, the Russians won an overseas empire, while the Tlingit lost their independence, much of their culture and their way of life. 106 Metlakatla Street. 907-747-6281

Skagway

www.bellsalaska.com/skagway.html



Skagway, Alaska is the northernmost stop on the Alaska Marine Highway's Inside Passage. It is also the home of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park. The Skagway-Carcross Highway is open year-round and connects Skagway with the Yukon and Alaska Highway.

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Information

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Things To Do

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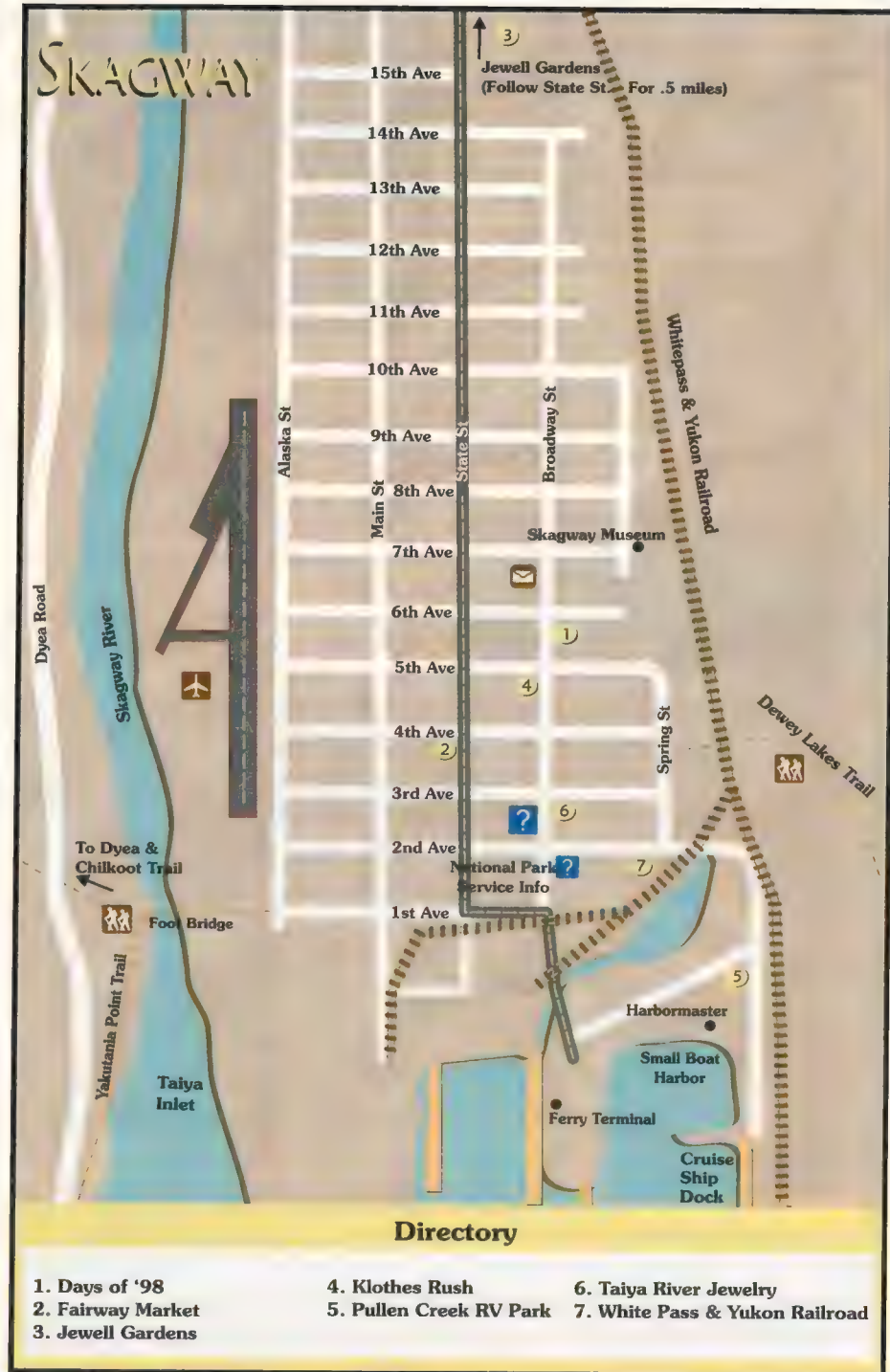
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In 1834 the Russians erected Fort Dionysius to prevent the Hudson's Bay Company from fur trading up the Stikine River. When the Russians finally agreed to lease Southeast Alaska to the Hudson's Bay Company in 1840, Fort Dionysius was renamed

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discovery, and again in 1897 with the Klondike discovery.

Alaska's first Presbyterian Church and school were established here in 1877. A weekly newspaper, *The Wrangell Sentinel*, printed its first issue November 2, 1902, which makes it the oldest continuous publication in Alaska.

Nestled on an island at the mouth of the mighty Stikine River, Wrangell offers a friendly welcome in the midst of the most unique and pristine wilderness in Alaska.

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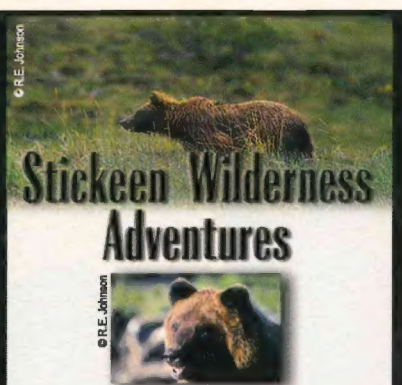
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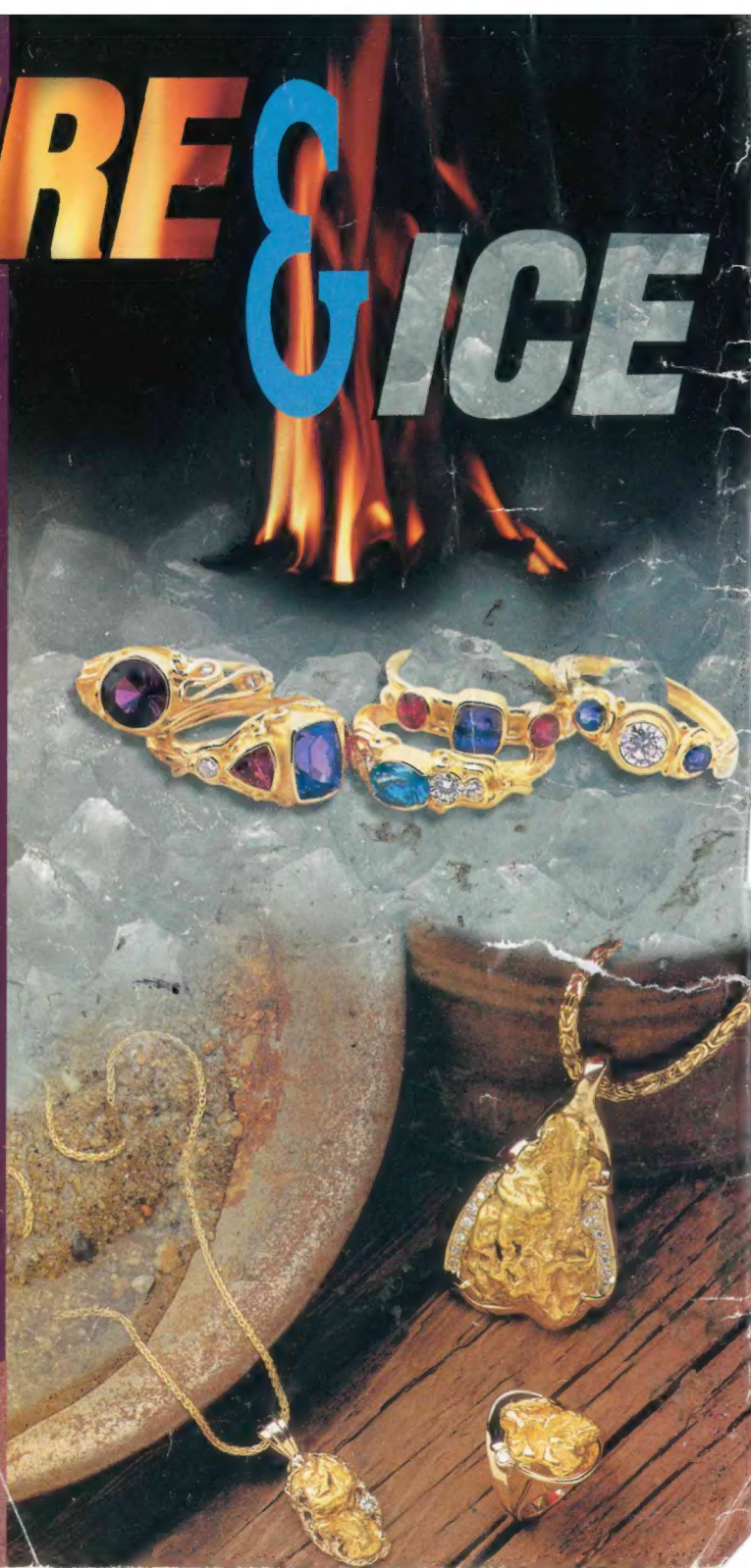
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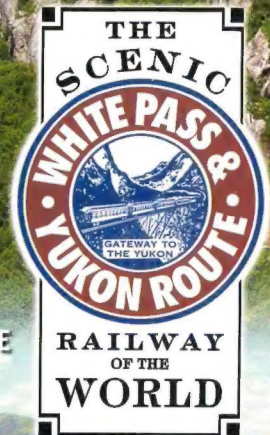
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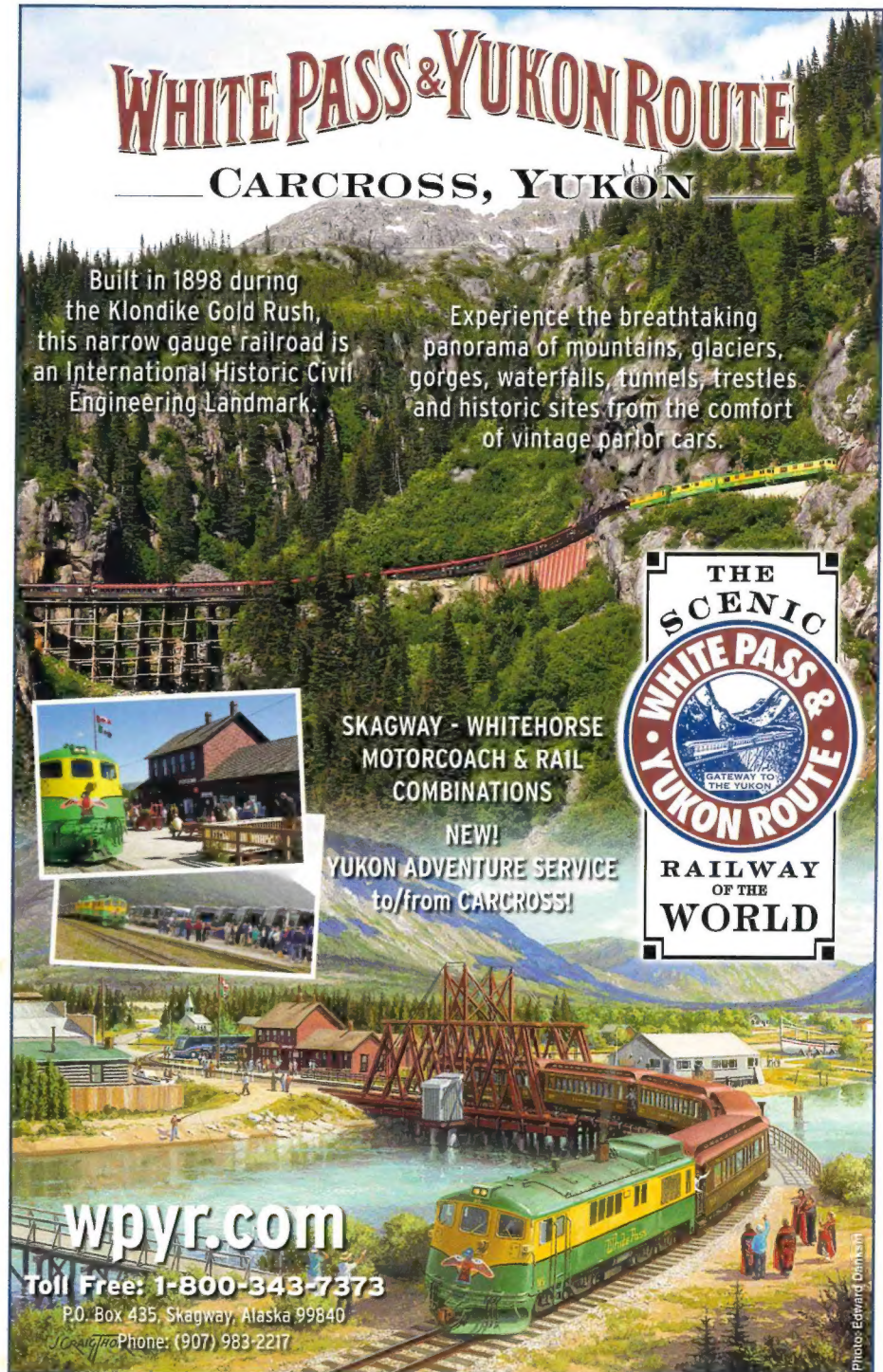


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